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SUBJECT: PER-CONSERVATION PLANNING TRAINING

Purpose. To transmit the Conservation Planning Course Agenda, Training Roster, and Location.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2005

The Conservation Planning Training session will be held on August 15-19, 2005 at the Redwood Area Community Center in Redwood Falls, Minnesota. The participant list is attached; however, this list does not include course instructors. The session will begin at 12:00PM on Monday and conclude at 12:00PM on Friday. Completion of this course is a requirement for certification as a Resource Management System (RMS) level conservation plan preparer. This level of certification is also required for conservation planners to sign off on a CNMP.

This course requires participants to have completed the attached list of prerequisites. Contact your supervisor or your Area Resource Conservationist for assistance with obtaining the prerequisite information.

The session will be held at the Redwood Area Community Center, the address is 901 Cook Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56258. Each participant and instructor will need to make their own lodging arrangements by contacting the Redwood Valley Lodge at 507-644-5700. The motel's address is 1382 E. Bridge Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283; a map is attached for your use. There is a block of rooms being held under NRCS at a government rate of \$50.00 plus tax. **The rooms will be held until July 25th, 2005. Please call and make your reservations before the deadline.**

Plan to dress for field work and bring gear for outdoor activities, including rain. Insect repellent is recommended. Participants will also need to bring pencils, calculators and notebooks and a clinometer or hand level for use in the field exercises. Arrangements are being made for box lunches on Tuesday August 16th thru Thursday August 18th. These arrangements and a course agenda will be provided prior to the session.

Participants will be divided into groups with a designated leader and will perform group planning exercises throughout the week. One laptop computer per group will be available with conservation planning data and Toolkit for each group.

Please contact George Montgomery, Acting Training Coordinator, Stillwater Field Office (FO) if you have any questions concerning the accommodations and logistics. The Stillwater FO phone number is (651) 351-7946. Questions concerning this training course should be directed through your Area Office to Paul Flynn, State Resource Conservationist.

WILLIAM HUNT
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Attachments

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Course Participants
ARCs, NRCS, Minnesota
George Montgomery, NRCS, St. Paul, MN